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1. VINOGRADOV CLEARLY FEELS IT IS PART OF HIS JOB HERE TO KEEP PRESSURE UP FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN PEACE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS. HIS EFFORT TO GET FOOT IN DOOR AT OUTSET OF MILITARY WORKING GROUP TALKS FAILED, HOWEVER, AND HE KNOWS THAT AS LONG AS PARTIES THEMSELVES FEEL THERE IS HOPE OF MAKING PROGRESS IN MILITARY TALKS WITHOUT CO-CHAIRMEN PRESENT, AND AS LONG AS US WANTS TO PROCEED IN THIS MANNER, HE HAS LITTLE GROUNDS ON WHICH TO INSIST ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION.

2. TROUBLESOME POINT WILL COME IF AND WHEN EGYPTIANS, AFTER SERIOUS PHASE OF TALKS GETS UNDERWAY, BEGIN TO FEEL THINGS ARE NOT MOVING IN MANNER THEY WANT OR AS QUICKLY AS THEY WANT, AND COME TO SEE SOVIET PRESENCE IN PROCEEDINGS AS USEFUL LEVERAGE. THIS IS NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR AS EARLY AS JANUARY 2 MEETING, HOW**ER. EGY*TIAN UNDERSTAND SCENARIO THAT NEEDS TO UNFOLD--ISRAELI ELECTIONS, PREPARATIONS FOR

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FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT, AND LAYING DOWN OF MAIN LINE OF ISRAELI SECURITY AND PEACE POLICIES--AND ARE PREPARED TO GIVE THIS PROCESS SOME, BUT NOT MUCH, TIME. MY GUESS IS THAT

THEY WILL BEGIN TO EXPECT ACTION IN FORM OF SERIOUS PROPOSALS
FROM ISRAELIS AROUND JANUARY 10, PERHAPS WILLING TO EXTEND THIS
IF THE EXCUSES SEEM GOOD ENOUGH, BUT WITH INCREASING IMPATIENCE.
CHANCES ARE GOOD IN MEANTIME EGYPTIANS WILL MANAGE TO KEEP
VINOGRADOV AT BAY, ALTHOUGH HE WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE TO
STRESS THIS THEME IN COURSE OF MAKING HIS ROUNDS HERE.BASSIN

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